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Staff meeting.

Gordon Arneson suggested [redacted] I might want to take up with General Smith the possibility of having his officers who brief Eisenhower and Stevenson on security data tell them about the Saturday Evening Post article by Messrs. Alsop and Lapp and ask that this issue not be injected into the campaign. I discussed this with Bob Lovett, who felt, as I did, [redacted] it would be inappropriate to ask Bedell to do this, especially since there has not yet been time for any public reaction here or abroad to the article.

Stanley Andrews came to see me about [redacted] TCA problems.

I then saw Stanley Woodward, who is down for a short time from Canada on the St. Lawrence waterway affair.

Howland Sargeant talked to me about a replacement for Francis Russell, and suggested Huntington Harris, [redacted] now living in Leesburg [redacted] who was at one time with OSS. His checks on Harris have been excellent, and I suggested [redacted] I would supplement them by talking to Whitney Shepardson. [redacted] I telephoned Whitney and he stated [redacted] he regarded Harris as a man of [redacted] character and ability.

I had a meeting on the French aid question with Messrs. Perkins, Martin, Beigle and Knight. The present situation is complicated and unsatisfactory.

I spent a good deal of time this afternoon with Park Armstrong, Polyzoides and Fisher Howe being briefed on communications security. I also had to discuss this matter back and forth with Defense during the day. We hope to take it up with the President upon his return the end

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of the week.

By far the most troublesome thing which occurred today was in connection with a delegation to attend the Pan American Highways Conference which opens in Mexico City next week. It is customary for the Department, in making up a delegation list which includes members of the Congress, to request the Vice President to designate a Democrat and a Republican Senator for such duties. This time, as few Senators wish to be absent on election day or even prior thereto, Vice President Barkley was unable to obtain the services of a Republican Senator but, after considerable searching, he got Senator Holland of Florida, a Democrat, to agree to go. He notified Senator Holland in writing of his pleasure over the latter's acceptance. When the list was sent to the White House Senator Holland's name was stricken off, and one of the President's staff said [redacted] he had done nothing during the campaign and he ought to stay in Florida and get to work instead of junketing. This put us in a [redacted] embarrassing position since Donald Dawson, who handles such matters for the White House, also said [redacted] we could not tell Senator Holland [redacted] his name had been stricken from the delegation membership by White House orders. We communicated with Vice President Barkley, who seemed irritated by the incident and said [redacted] he would have nothing further to do with it. Accordingly, I telegraphed the President tonight at his campaign train in Pittsburgh and suggested (1) that he permit Senator Holland to go, or (2) that we be allowed to advise Senator Holland [redacted] the White House did not wish him to go. We had a response from the President saying that under the circumstances Holland could go. We will have a similar instance up for consideration next week but this time affecting a Republican Senator.

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